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**THIRTY-TWO NURSES COMPLETE NURSE EDUCATOR PROGRAM
Exclusive Program Trains Rising Leaders in Skilled Nursing Facilities**

(UTICA, N.Y.) – Thirty-two nurses from nursing facilities across New York State have completed the Foundation for Quality Care’s Nurse Educator Course, an exclusive leadership program for nurses in senior management roles who aspire to become or remain leaders in the long-term care profession.

The Nurse Educator Course is part of the Long Term Care Leadership Institute, which was developed by the Foundation for Quality Care, a non-profit research and educational foundation affiliated with the New York State Health Facilities Association. The innovative program, funded by the New York State Departments of Health and Labor - Health Workforce Retraining Initiative, provides college-level credits through the State University of New York Institute of Technology’s (SUNYIT) School of Nursing and Health Systems in Utica. It is also approved by the New York State Department of Health as a Train-the-Trainer program for registered nurses who provide the nursing assistant certificate course.

“No one is more important to the delivery of quality care than nurses and nurse leaders. We need to do everything we can to support them,” said Richard J. Herrick, President of the New York State Health Facilities Association and the Foundation for Quality Care. “Programs such as these are critical to the long-term success of skilled nursing facilities in New York State.”

The Long Term Care Leadership Program was designed to provide nursing leaders with an ongoing educational and peer networking program that promotes personal development, core competencies and best practices in the role of long-term care nursing.

“The Institute is even more critical in these times of staffing shortages and increased quality of care and financial pressures in the long-term care profession,” said Richard Patterson, Executive Director of the Foundation for Quality Care. “This program trains the next generation of nurse leaders to care for New York’s most frail populations.”

The 32 participants who have completed the Nurse Educator Course are:

Jeanne Aagaard, RN Staff Educator/Infection Control, Groton Community Health Care Center RCF, **Groton**

John Badami, RN, Nurse Educator, Northeast Center for Brain Injury and Special Care, **Lake Katrine**

Cleo Bailey-Blagrove, RN, Summit Park Nursing Care Center, **Pomona**

Sandra Bernard, RN Staff Development, Capstone Center for Rehab & Nursing, **Amsterdam**

Martha Bonneau, RN, Nurse Manager, Center for Nursing & Rehab at Hoosick Falls, **Hoosick Falls**

Colleen Bosse, Clinical Nurse Leader, Living Center at Highlands at Pittsford The, **Pittsford**

Jennifer Burnham, Assistant Director of Nursing, Indian River Rehab. & Nursing Center, **Granville**

Althea Burton, RN, Nurse Manager, Schulman and Schachne Inst. For Nursing & Rehab., **Brooklyn**

Laurie Bushek, Director of Education, Aaron Manor Rehab & Continuing Care Center, **Fairport**
Rebecca Carpenter, RN, ElderWood at Waverly, **Waverly**
Wavenie Collymore, Staff Development Coordinator, Kings Harbor Multicare Center, **Bronx**
Maria Copperwheat, Director of Education, Infection Control, St. Johnsville Rehab & Nursing Ctr Inc.,
St. Johnsville
Deborah Crill, RN Nursing In-service Instructor, Presbyterian Home For CNY Inc, **New Hartford**
Laurie Dalesandro, Staff Development Coordinator, Highland Care Center, **Jamaica**
Keisha Hamblin, Staff Educator, NYS Veterans Home at St. Albans, **Jamaica**
Alana Herard, Inservice Coordinator / QA, Crown Nursing & Rehab Center, **Brooklyn**
Jacqueline Johnson, Talent Development Coordinator, Kingsway Arms Nursing Center Inc., **Schenectady**
Mark Kepner-Clough, Director, Staff Development, Whittier Rehab. & Skilled Nursing Center, **Ghent**
Mansura Malik, Staff Education Clinical Coordinator, Fairport Baptist Homes, **Fairport**
Doreen Matthews, RN, Inservice Coordinator, ElderWood at Hamburg, **Hamburg**
Antionette Miller-Brown, RN, Nurse Manager, Bronx Center for Rehab. and Healthcare, **Bronx**
Paula Noble, RN, ADNS, Saints Joachim & Anne Nursing & Rehab Center, **Brooklyn**
Yves-Rose Pascal, DON, Holliswood Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare, **Hollis**
Jennifer Patrick, Infection Control & Employee Health Nurse, Valley Health Services Inc., **Herkimer**
Linda Quackenbush, Corporate Educator, Medina Memorial Hospital SNF, **Medina**
Lyndsey Sidle, RN Educator, Cayuga Ridge Extended Care, **Ithaca**
Carol Steele, In-Service Coordinator, Seneca Nursing and Rehab Center, **Waterloo**
Beth Steenberg, ADON, QA Coordinator, St. Regis Nursing Home Inc., **Massena**
Adina Sullivan, Director of Staff Development/Infection Control, Hillside Manor Rehab & Extended CC LLC,
Jamaica Estates
Tami Welch, Inservice Coordinator, Valley Health Services Inc., **Herkimer**
Tracy Wellman, Human Resource RN, Good Shepherd-Fairview Home Inc. - SNF, **Binghamton**
Yvette Williams, RN Supervisor, Queens-Nassau Rehab & Nursing, **Far Rockaway**

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